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TITLE

VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was:
W. J. Stepankowsky, Vladimir J. Stepankiwsky, Vladimir Stepankovsky, Volodimir Stepankiwsky, Victor Stepankowski, W. J. Stephankowsky, V Stepankoski, Vladimir Stepankivskij, Wladimir Stepankowski, Vladimir Stepanskowsky

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CI T-1 of unknown reliability, reports subject possibly working for Russian Intelligence. He advises subject was pro-Communist prior to World War II, and though apparently unemployed, appears to get by financially. T-2, of known reliability, describes subject as "pathological case" with no sincere ideals, who will work for anyone who will pay him. ELIZABETH BENTLEY advises subject gave information on Ukrainian matters to MICHAEL TKACH, who passed it on to JACOB GOLOS, her superior in Russian espionage work. Subject reportedly an informant of Anti-Defamation League, NYC, prior to World War II.

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DETAILS: Investigation in this matter is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, a Ukrainian who has lived in New York City for many years and is well acquainted with Ukrainians residing in

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Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that the "American Council Against Nazi Propaganda, Inc." published "The Hour", a newsletter.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised in December, 1942 that "The Hour" is regarded as being a Communist instrumentality headed by ALBERT E. KAHN and MICHAEL SAYERS. According to the Informant, KAHN and SAYERS are considered Communists.

Confidential Informant T-5, another government agency that conducts security investigations, advised under date of July 12, 1945 that they had received information from an Informant, whom they describe as a Ukrainian journalist, that VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY was Director of a Ukrainian Bureau in Lausanne, Switzerland around 1916. T-5 evaluates this information as from a generally reliable source and probably true.

Confidential Informant T-6, of unknown reliability, advised that under place and date of Algiers, October 1, 1943, a list of persons suspected by French Intelligence as being dangerous to French security contained the name WLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKI, born January 1, 1885 in the Ukraine, German Agent, expelled Switzerland, 1924.

Confidential Informant T-7, of unknown reliability, advised that in 1915 a booklet entitled, "The Russian Plot to Seize Galicia (Austrian Ruthenia)", by VLADIMIR STEPANKOVSKY, was published in Jersey City, New Jersey, by the Ukrainian National Council. The preface states that VLADIMIR STEPANKOVSKY, a Ukrainian from Russia, who lived for a long time in England, first published the booklet in March, 1914, four months after the outbreak of the European war.

The pamphlet reported Russia preparations to seize Galicia and destroy the national life of the Ukrainian inhabitants of the eastern part of the Austrian province.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that in May, 1942 Dr. LUKE MYSHUHA, Editor of "Svoboda",

Detective Agency on Ukrainian matters.

STEPANKOWSKI admitted to a Pinkerton detective, according to T-10, that before the Russian revolution he had been associated with LEON TROTSKY in St. Petersburg.

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, advised that KALENIK LISSIUK, a Ukrainian suspect in the wrecking on March 16, 1941 of the Pennsylvania Railroad train carrying a group of Russian representatives, when asked as to the motives any persons might have of accusing any of them of being responsible, said he had always been bitterly opposed to Communism and particularly to Communism among Ukrainians.

LISSIUK stated that although he had no proof, he was of the opinion that the story was originated by W. J. STEPHANKOWSKY, residing in New York City and by EMIL REVYUK, associate editor of the publication "Svoboda" and MUSTOVEY, all of whom hated him.

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised that in January, 1941 ALEKSY PELYPENKO stated that an individual by the name of W. J. STEPHANKOWSKI, 106 West 47th Street, New York City, had been endeavoring to contact him. b7D

[redacted]

In November, 1941, ALEKSY PELYPENKO advised SAS J. G. FELLNER and [redacted] of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that VLADIMIR STEPANKIWSKY had told him he would personally intervene on behalf of [redacted] with the director of the Immigration Service in order to make it easier for [redacted] to remain in the United States, provided [redacted] would cooperate with him. [redacted] stated he suspected STEPANKIWSKY might be [redacted] b6 b7C

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ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS:

T-1 -

T-2 -

T-3 -

T-4 -

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T-5 - Security and Intelligence Division Headquarters, Second Service Command, as reflected in Bureau memorandum dated 11/16/45 in case entitled "N. GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R".

T-6 - This information appeared in the above mentioned memorandum and the source was not shown.

T-7 - This information appeared in the above mentioned memorandum and the source was not shown.

T-8 - This information appeared in the above mentioned memorandum and the source was not shown. The name of the SA to whom MYSHUHA furnished this information was not given.

T-9 - This information appears in Bureau memorandum 11/16/45 in the case entitled, "N GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R" in which the source was not shown.

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T-10 [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service for all information appearing in their files concerning the subject.

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VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reurlet January 30, 1952, and the report of SA [redacted] New York, dated January 30, 1952, five copies of which were enclosed for the Bureau.

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The Bureau has reviewed referenced report and advises that your office has not yet fully established the subject's activities and has not determined subject's employment.

The reported information appearing on page 4 of referenced report reflecting subject has some connection with a hospital or pharmaceutical supply house in Brooklyn, New York, is definitely inadequate.

You are instructed to immediately determine complete information on subject's employment as well as pertinent and current information about subject's present activities. In this regard you are instructed to clarify the reported remarks of [redacted] investigator for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York, whom you carried as Confidential Informant T-1; particularly the remarks in which he described the subject as an "opportunist who needs a buck." It is not clear in this information reported on page 3 of referenced report whether [redacted] considers subject would still, for a price, furnish to [redacted] information detrimental to this country.

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The four Bureau copies of referenced report are being returned as attachments with this letter. You are instructed to resubmit this report clarifying the above-reported ambiguous remarks of [redacted] regarding the subject.

When you have completed the other investigation desired by the Bureau in this case, you may then resubmit a request to interview the subject, at which time reconsideration will be given to your request by the Bureau.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.	IS-R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

INS records, NY, reflect subject entered U.S. on 10/13/29 at NY, NY and was arrested by INS on 8/19/37 for overstay. He voluntarily departed to Canada and legally re-entered the U.S. in March, 1938 and was naturalized on 11/15/43. T-1, an official of another government agency, states subject has not indicated any pro-Russian or pro-Communist sympathies and describes him as an "opportunist who needs a buck."

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DETAILS:

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, reflect that VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY entered this country at New York, New York, on the SS SATURNIA on October 13, 1929 in transit to Canada. A warrant of arrest was issued for him on August 18, 1937 for overstay and on August 19, 1937 he was detained at Ellis Island and given a hearing the same day. He was given until March 1, 1938 to voluntarily depart and he returned to Canada, secured a quota immigration visa and was legally admitted to the United States in March, 1938 at Detroit, Michigan.

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These records further reflect the subject filed a petition for naturalization on June 26, 1943 and was naturalized on November 15, 1943. His witnesses were listed as [redacted] New York, [redacted] and EMIL REVYUK, 6142 78th Street, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York, occupation journalist. These records reflect that by letter dated June 26, 1943 the subject stated that he was arrested in Kiev, Russia, in 1906 for his political views, spent six months in jail and while out on bail left Russia. He returned to Russia in 1917, was arrested at the frontier and taken to Petrograd, and spent two and a half months in prison. He was then exiled by the Daransky Government. b6 b7C

[redacted]

STEFAN KOWSKY

These records further reflect that the subject was born on January 13, 1885 at Chernokosinzy, Ukraine and married MARGARET SANTERIE in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1919. He has two children, [redacted] Switzerland, [redacted] Italy. He has two brothers in Russia, one BORIS, who was born in Potock, Podolia, Russia and Constantine, born in the same place. His parents who were both born in Russia are deceased. He indicated that he went to school in Tulchin, then in Ixmail, Serbia for five years, then Nemirob, Russia two years and the University of Kiev from 1903 to 1907 and obtained a law degree. b6 b7C

At the time of his hearing in 1937 the subject stated that he could not be deported to Russia because he was not a Communist and wrote things the Russians did not approve of. His address, as appearing in the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, was the Hotel Rex, 106 West 47th Street, New York, New York.

Confidential Informant T-1, an official of another government agency, advised on January 16, 1952 that he has known the subject since 1940 or 1941 and prior to and during World War II received [redacted] concerning Ukrainian groups in the United States who were friendly with the Nazis. He advised STEPANKOWSKY was [redacted] b7E per OGA

BORIS STEPANKOWSKY
CONSTANTINE STEPANKOWSKY

b7E per OGA

[redacted] though at no time has he indicated any particular sympathy with Communism or Russia. He advised that STEPANKOWSKY who is a newspaperman told him that about the time of World War I he was the London representative of a leading Moscow newspaper and after World War I he had an independent newspaper in Switzerland.

T-1 stated that the subject [redacted] the Anti-Defamation League and to the "Hour" just prior to World War II and during the early part of the war. He has been and still is a very close friend of [redacted] former editor of the "Hour" and presently an officer in the Jewish Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order. T-1 advised that he does not attach too much significance to the subject's friendship with [redacted] whom T-1 describes as an out and out Communist, since the subject, being a newspaperman, also knows the editors of many newspapers which are definitely anti-Communist. He stated subject has never [redacted] concerning Communists other than [redacted] which was more or less common knowledge among the Ukrainians residing in this country. He described the subject as an "opportunist who needs a buck" and who would [redacted] to anyone for a price. He advised, however, that since subject's wife and son are now in the United States and since his son is doing so well in business here that subject may be unwilling to [redacted] detrimental to this country. He added that he does not know if subject would or would not [redacted] to a foreign government which would be harmful to the best interest of this country since subject has never given him any indication as to what action, if any, he would take in this regard.

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T-1 advised that he is occasionally contacted by the subject and recently subject told him that he is still residing in the Rex Hotel, New York City, though he expects to move in with his wife and son who recently moved to an apartment at [redacted].

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ALBERT KAHN EMPLOYED BY "HOUR"

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T-1 further advised that ELIZABETH BENTLEY, a self-admitted former member of a Soviet espionage ring, told him two or three years ago, that in 1941 or 1942 [redacted] editor of the "Ukrainian Daily News" brought the subject to [redacted] her superior in this espionage ring and [redacted] utilized him in obtaining articles written by [redacted] a Russian Orthodox priest, concerning Nazi activities. BENTLEY told him that the subject furnished these articles to [redacted] who passed them on to [redacted] T-1 stated that he confronted the subject with this information and the subject denied ever meeting [redacted] or [redacted] to be passed on to [redacted]

In conclusion T-1 advised that for the last year or two the subject has had some connection with a hospital or pharmaceutical supply house in Brooklyn, New York, and has been trying to develop business contacts abroad for this firm. T-1 does not know the name of this firm or what financial renumeration the subject is receiving for his services. He advised that to his knowledge the subject has never been permanently employed and has been more or less a free lance newspaperman.

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Michael TKACH EMPLOYED BY Ukrainian Daily News"

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INFORMANT

T-1 [redacted] Investigator, Subversive Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will recontact [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, for any additional information relative to the subject's place of employment.

Will recontact [redacted] of the Rex Hotel, 106 West 47th Street, for information pertaining to the subject's current activities.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] New York, 10/30/51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-58981)

DATE: March 31, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York (105-3244)

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.
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ReBulet to New York, 3/5/52 and rerep SA [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] 1/30/52, New York.

Reference Bulet requested that the remarks of [redacted] be clarified in rerep and this report re-submitted. b6 per OGA b7C

The remarks of [redacted] have been clarified and the corrected pages have been inserted in the four copies of rerep which were returned by the Bureau. These four copies of rerep are attached and also a corrected copy of pages 3 and 5 for insertion in copy of this report retained by the Bureau.

The New York file copies of rerep have been corrected accordingly.

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NEW YORK	5/15/52	4/16,30; 5/5,6/52	[redacted] b6 b7C

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] Manager, Rex Hotel, NYC, advised subject residing in Kew Gardens, Queens, NY, but still maintains hotel room for business purposes. CI T-1 advises subject connected with Bedford Surgical Company, Brooklyn, NY. b6 b7C

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Manager, Rex Hotel, 106 West 47th Street, New York City, advised on April 16, 1952, that the subject is presently residing in Kew Gardens, Queens, New York. However, he continues to keep his room in this hotel for telephone purposes and does not stay here very often. He advised that the subject's sister-in-law arrived at New York a few months ago and is living in Kew Gardens with the subject's family. He advised that the subject and his family had an apartment in Greenwich Village, New York, for a few months, but gave that up when they moved to Kew Gardens.

[redacted] stated that the subject made the following telephone calls to the following numbers

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from the hotel during the month of April, 1952:

Plaza 7-3000 - which number according to [redacted] is the number of the Standard Oil Company and which number the subject calls frequently. b6 b7C

Boulevard 8-6386 - which number [redacted] believes is the subject's home telephone number. b6 b7C

GR 7-3127

MU 7-6519

MU 4-4410

TW or JU 6-2194

GR 3-1762

Boulevard 3-6003.

[redacted] further advised that the subject still owes the hotel over $400 for rent and shows no inclination to pay this bill.

Confidential Informant T-1, an official of another Government agency, advised that the subject is still not permanently employed. However, the subject is trying to develop business for the Bedford Surgical Company, 1326 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. T-1 advised that the subject is a friend of one of the Directors of the Bedford Company who is also in the Legal Department of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Radio City, New York. T-1 does not recall this friend's name nor could he furnish any additional information concerning the subject's activities or associates.

Confidential Informant T-2, who maintains records of business firms in the New York City area, advised that the

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VLADIMIR STEPANOWSKY, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subscribers to telephone numbers called by subject in April 1952 set out. No record of [redacted] and GUSTAV ABRAMS in Bureau of Special Services, New York P.D.

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, furnished the subscribers to the following telephone numbers which numbers according to [redacted] Manager, Hotel Rex, New York City, the subject called from the hotel during April 1952: b6 b7C

Plaza 7-3000
Standard Oil Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City

Boulevard 8-6386
MARGARET STEPANOWSKY
147-10 71 Road
Kew Gardens, N.Y.

Gramercy 7-3127
St Marks Printing Corporation
80 4th Avenue
New York City

Murray Hill 7-6519
U.S. Army Assistant
Chief of Staff
30 West 44 Street, Room 805
New York City

Murray Hill 4-4410
[redacted]
New York City

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T-1 [redacted] Subversive Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City.

T-2 CSNY 1 contacted by SE [redacted] b6 b7C

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will ascertain the subscribers to the telephone numbers Boulevard 8-6386, Gramercy 7-3127, Murray Hill 7-6519, Murray Hill 4-4410, TW or JU 6-2194, Gramercy 3-1762, and Boulevard 3-6003.

Will endeavor to ascertain the identity of the subject's friend at the Bedford Surgical Company who is also in the Legal Department of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, Radio City, New York City.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 1/30/52, at New York. b6 b7C

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

Date: February 27, 1953

To: [redacted] b7D

From: Director, FBI

Subject: VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

The captioned individual is the subject of a pending investigation which was initiated as a result of information furnished by one [redacted] b6 b7C New York City, who has been acquainted with Ukrainians residing in New York City for many years. [redacted] advised on August 29, 1951, that the subject, who at the time was residing at the Rex Hotel in New York City, was possibly working for Russian intelligence. He further advised that a year or two prior to the United States' entry into World War II the subject frequently defended Russia and Communism in Russia.

Information in Bureau files reflect the subject to have been born on January 1, 1885, in either Poland or in the Ukraine; that in 1916, he was alleged to have been a journalist associated as Director with the Ukrainian Press in either Geneva or Lausanne, Switzerland.

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The subject in 1924, is reported to have been expelled from Switzerland for being a German agent and an English journalist. Steed Wickham, author of "Thirty Years of Journalistic Activity," stated that Vladimir Stepankowsky was a German spy during World War I.

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The subject is alleged to have spent a considerable part of his early life in England. The Immigration and Naturalization Service records in New York City reflect the subject entered the United States at New York City on the SS Saturnia on October 13, 1929, in transit to Canada. A warrant of arrest was issued for the subject on August 18, 1937 for "overstay" and on August 19, 1937, he was detained at Ellis Island. He was granted a hearing and given until March 1, 1938, to voluntarily depart from the United States. Thereafter he returned to Canada, secured an "immigration visa" and was legally admitted to the United States in March, 1938, at Detroit, Michigan. Subject filed a petition for naturalization on June 26, 1943, and was naturalized on November 15, 1943.

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[redacted] Investigator, Subversive Section, INS, New York City, advised on June 16, 1952, that he had been acquainted with the subject since 1940 or 1941. He indicated that he received valuable information from the subject concerning the Ukrainian groups in the United States who were friendly with the Nazis. [redacted] stated that the subject evidenced a definite opposition to pro-German Ukrainians, and at no time did he indicate any particular sympathies with Communism in Russia. The subject, according to [redacted] furnished information to the anti-Defamation League prior to and during the early part of World War II.

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[redacted]

[redacted] who was previously mentioned in this letter, advised that a Professor Ladislav Beborovich whose address is Post Office Box 94, Station F, Toronto, Canada, is acquainted with the subject and is of the opinion that the subject is not in sympathy with Communism.

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The Bureau desires that you determine through your sources Biberovich's true identity, background and activities and thereafter, if there are no reasons to the contrary you should arrange to have Biberovich interviewed concerning his knowledge of the subject.

Furnish the results of your inquiries in a form suitable for dissemination.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] Bedford Surgical Company, Brooklyn, New York, advised subject represents his company on a commission basis with foreign governments although he has not produced any business. Introduced to him by [redacted] attorney, 3 years ago and knows nothing concerning his loyalty. Says he is presently doing translating work for various unknown newspapers in New York City. Mr. GUSTAV ADRAINS, also with Bedford Company, confirms information given by [redacted] Confidential Informant T-1 advises [redacted] associates with Communist Party members. Confidential Informant T-3 advised he has known subject since 1944 and describes him as lazy. T-4 advised he has known subject for 15 years, does not trust him, would not vouch for his loyalty.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Bedford Surgical Company, 1326 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that he was introduced to the subject approximately three years ago by an attorney, [redacted] who is presently employed by the Standard Oil Company in the Standard Oil Building, New York City.

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Confidential Informant T-3, a representative of another government agency, advised that he met the subject in 1944 and that the subject has done some work translating newspapers for him and still does this work. T-3 said that STEPANKOWSKY had been mixed up with MICHELSON, referred to above, in a real estate business at one time and he had heard that the subject had taken the place of a man named VLAVOJICH at [redacted] b6 per OGA

T-3 stated that the subject has associated with MICHAEL TKACH. ELIZABETH BENTLY, self-admitted former Soviet Espionage Agent, advised in November, 1945 that in 1941 or early in 1942 one STEPHANKOWSKY was furnishing information on Ukrainian Matters to MICHAEL TKACH, who in turn passed their information on to JACOB GOLOS, who was her superior in this espionage ring.

T-3 advised that K. WILLIAM MICHELSON, referred to above, put up the money for STEPANKOWSKY's son to go into the leather business and that he associates with a man named L. CIBEROVICH who comes from Canada and a STEPHEN MOSTOVOY who is employed as a bartender.

T-3 also advised that STEPHANKOWSKY's wife's sister married ALEXANDER SEVRIUK and that this sister, whose name he could not recall is presently residing in New York City.

T-3 stated that while the subject is very good at translating work, he is very lazy, never has any money, and no contacts with any Communists with the exception of the one with MICHAEL TKACH, mentioned above. b6 b7C

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that [redacted] tried to start a pro-Soviet organization at the start of World War II but was not too successful.

T-3 added that it had come to his attention that STEPHANKOWSKY was considered for a position with his organization as an agent to cover meetings of a subversive nature but that this did not work out because STEPHANKOWSKY appeared to be afraid.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent To whom Furnished	File number Where Located
T-1 [redacted]		Used to Document an Associate		
T-2 [redacted] Brooklyn, New York		Used to Document an Associate.		
T-3 [redacted]	Since 1944	12/9/52	JOHN WILSON, Jr. (Orally)	Instant Report
T-4 [redacted]		Used to Document an Associate. Used to Document a Newspaper.		
T-5 [redacted] Concealed at his Request		Used to Document an Associate.		
T-6 [redacted]	Last 15 years	12/11/52	JOHN WILSON, Jr. (Orally)	Instant Report

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TO : Director, FBI (65-58981)

FROM : SAC, New York (105-32410) SECRET

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was
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It is to be noted that [redacted] advised that the subject contacted him with regard to getting his help in selling medical supplies to Yugoslavia because [redacted] connections in Yugoslavia and in the US. However, [redacted] said he refused to give the subject any help because he did not want to do business with the Yugoslavians while they are under a Communist form of government. b7D

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[redacted] upon recontact advised that the correct spelling and first name of the VLAVOUCH he mentioned is VLAHOVICH, [redacted] and that b6 per OGA VLAHOVICH is in the newspaper publishing business. It is to be noted that VLAHOVICH is not being interviewed at this time because it is felt that he could not throw any light on the activities of the subject.

In the case entitled [redacted] in reports by SA [redacted] (Bufile 64-31486; NY 100-79471) dated 1/12/53 and 3/5/53, it was reported that STEPANKOWSKY, according to [redacted] language publication "France Amerique" for which [redacted] worked during his stay in the US, was a contact of [redacted] b6 b7C at Lacoste's printing shop where "France Amerique" was printed. It is to be noted that a present investigation of [redacted] is based on information furnished by KLAUS FUCHS, the convicted British atom spy, to the effect that in 1947 his Soviet espionage contact furnished him the name and address of [redacted] in Paris, France as a contact; although according to FUCHS he never contacted [redacted]

On 2/12/53 [redacted] b6
shop at [redacted] NY, NY, was shown a photograph of b7C
STEPANKOWSKY and he advised that he was not acquainted with STEPANKOWSKY. [redacted] went on to explain that for many years he was owner and publisher of "France Amerique" but that he sold it to a group of French refugees with the provision that he

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SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL (U)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (~~65-58951~~) DATE: 6/18/53

FROM : SAC, New York (105-3244)

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE dated 6/18/53 at New York.

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Leads are not being set out to interview Dr. LUKE MYSHUHA and a former operatic singer by the name of Miss BUSSINGER, who were mentioned as possible sources of background information in the memo from [redacted] dated 3/30/53. Information furnished by Dr. MYSHUHA was previously set out in the report of SA [redacted] on 10/30/51, New York.

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Information appears in the same report concerning the subject's participation in the staging of the Ukrainian operetta, "Cossacks Meet the Danube." Since Miss BUSSINGER is identified as a former operatic singer, it is believed that she could furnish no additional pertinent information concerning the subject.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK	6/18/53	6/1,3,5,8,10,11,15,16/53	ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject alleged by source of unknown reliability to have been a Colonel in the Russian Imperial Army and a member of the Russian Imperial Secret Police. Subject reliably reported to have been acting as a translator and informant for another U.S. Government intelligence agency during World War II, and is believed to have been working for the British in Switzerland during World War I. In middle 1940's, subject reported to have been frequently in contact with [redacted] suspected Soviet agent.

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Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, a former representative of another Government intelligence agency, on June 3, 1953 furnished the following information concerning the subject:

The subject was referred to T-2 as a translator by another Government agency around 1944. In addition to assisting T-2 as a translator, the subject also furnished valuable information concerning the Ukrainian Movement and persons connected with it. He also collected publications and literature pertaining to various nationalist groups. b1 per OGA

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Toward the end of World War II, the subject furnished information to T-2 relative to the attempts of the Soviets through Ukrainian societies in the United States to obtain information on U.S. servicemen and their families who had Slav backgrounds.

In the opinion of T-2, the subject is anti-Soviet and he is a professional Ukrainian who is primarily interested in the Ukrainian Movement to make money as a writer.

According to T-2, the subject is a well read person, a talented journalist, and knows the background of everyone in the Slavic world.

In the opinion of T-2, the subject would not do anything treasonable, and T-2 has no reason to believe that the subject is, in any way, connected with Soviet Intelligence. b1 per OGA

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[redacted] T-2 has also advised that the subject has completed work on a lexicon of English Ukrainian Naval Engineering and Mechanical Terms, and has made arrangements with a publisher for having the lexicon printed.

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On June 8, 1953, Confidential Informant T-3, a representative of another Government agency, advised that he was in the office of [redacted] on this date, and observed a copy of the Ukrainian "Pravda" newspaper, the organ of the Ukrainian Communist Party, which was addressed to the subject. T-3 was advised by [redacted] that a year or so ago, he took a trip to Europe and allowed the subject to use his office at [redacted], and that since he, [redacted] moved to a new office at [redacted], he has continued to receive newspapers addressed to the subject. According to T-3, the subject told [redacted] to destroy these newspapers he received at his office on [redacted]

[redacted] executive employee of the French language publication, "France-Amerique," 220 East 42 Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted] in 1952 that a person by the name of [redacted] came to work for the publication, "France-Amerique," approximately one year after it was founded in May, 1943. According to [redacted] an individual by the name of STEPANKOWSKY frequently visited [redacted] at the printing shop at 127 West 27 Street, New York City, where the publication was printed.

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On February 16, 1953, a photograph of VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY was identified by [redacted] as being the individual who frequently visited [redacted].

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Identity of Source	Description of Info and/or Date of Activity	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File No. Where Located
T-1 [redacted]	Subject a Col. in Russian Army	3/30/53	Bureau	105-3244-29
T-2 [redacted] (C)	Background & activities of subject while assisting G-2	6/3/53	ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE	instant report b1 per OGA b6 b7C b7D
T-3 [redacted] Subversive Section, INS, NYC	Copies of Ukrainian "Pravda" newspaper addressed to subject	6/8/53	[redacted]	105-3244-34 b6 per OGA b7C b7E
T-4 Highly confidential source as contained in Bulet to NY 3/28/50. [redacted]	[redacted] address in Paris, France			100-79471-6

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CI T-2 also advised on 6/3/53 that the subject had given him the impression that he, the subject, was an informant of the FBI sometime around the 1930's. According to T-2 the subject did not directly state this but hinted that he had furnished information to the FBI.

Rev. VLADIMIR KUPCHINSKY stated that he heard during World War II that the subject was working for the FBI. He was unable to elaborate on the nature or source of this information.

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At New York, New York

Will interview [redacted] book seller, 11 East 7th Street, New York City, concerning his knowledge of the subject. It is noted that the name of this person was mentioned as a possible source of information by Rev. VLADIMIR KUPCHYNSKY when he was interviewed on June 15, 1953. b6 b7C

Will conduct discreet investigation at 111-15 Jamaica Avenue, Queens, Long Island, where the subject reportedly has a business office.

REFERENCE

Bureau letters to New York 5/19/53 and 5/22/53.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-58981) DATE: 8/20/53

FROM : SAC, New York (105-3244)

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was
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Attached hereto are five copies of the report of SA ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE, dated 8/20/53 at New York.

New York letter to Director dated 3/17/42, captioned "[redacted] was; AEC and IS-R" sets out information concerning the subject furnishing information to [redacted] concerning the mysterious disappearance of airplanes over Los Angeles, California.

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The subject, when contacted by Bureau Agents in the above connection, stated that he had been maintaining contact with Ukrainian Nazis in the Northeastern section of the United States and that he had determined they had at least three airplanes in Chicago and had been giving instructions to storm troopers of the German-American Bund. The subject said that subsequent inquiries indicated these planes were flown to the west coast. The subject named as one of his sources for this information [redacted]

The last paragraph of the above-mentioned communication contains the following statement concerning the subject: "It might be stated that this office is aware of the fact that STEPANKOWSKY is an [redacted] and is so well known [redacted] that he is said to be valueless in this connection. No further contact is therefore being had with STEPANKOWSKY."

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It is noted that at the suggestion [redacted] mentioned above, the subject was contacted in September, 1943 relative to information in his possession concerning MIROSLAV SICHINSKY, the subject of a Denaturalization proceedings-G investigation.

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New York letter to Director, 8/31/42, captioned "Organization for the Re-Birth of the Ukraine; Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists, IS-G, Voorhis Act" states STEPANKOWSKY has furnished information appearing in numerous reports in the above-captioned matter and that at the time such information was incorporated in reports it was stated that STEPANKOWSKY was considered unreliable.

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NEW YORK	AUG 20 1953	6/29;7/27,28; 8/5,7,10,11/53	ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was: W.J. Stepankowsky, Vladimir J. Stepankiwsky, Vladimir Stepankovsky, Volodimir Stepankiwsky, Victor Stepankowski, W.J. Stephankowsky, V. Stepankoski, Vladimir Stepankivskij, Wladimir Stepankowski, Vladimir Stepanskowsky	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

9-1-NY & NK (#2) 10/9 Rec'd
SAC, NK advised that the subject will be submitted by 12/2/53. (6)
Memorial Project. Report SAC, NY advised that will be submitted by 10-30-53. Rec'd

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reliably reported to be a subscriber to the "USSR Information Bulletin" in 1948. One STEPANKOVSKY reported to be visiting USSR Consulate in New York City in 1945 and in 1942 to have been in contact with individual connected with the USSR Consulate in New York City. Reliable informant advised in 1942 that the subject was once an agent of the German Government while serving in the Ukrainian Forces and in 1942 informant considered the subject a Communist or fellow traveler. In 1942 subject admitted affiliation with Ukrainian Committee to Combat Nazism which he stated was an organization to awaken Ukrainians to the threat of Nazi domination. Real estate firm in the name of ORMAN and MICHELSON is located at 111-15 Jamaica Avenue, Queens, New York. Informant reports subject does not receive mail at this address.

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cc CAB, cc State, cc CIA, cc INS by R/S 9-14-53 Rec'd

DETAILS: T-1, of known reliability, furnished information that in 1948 the subject subscribed to the "USSR Information Bulletin."

T-2, of known reliability, reported that on July 21, 1945 one STEPANKOVSKY visited the U.S.S.R. Consulate in New York City and spoke with a person named PARKHOMENKO concerning the visit of the Ukrainian Delegation to a Ukrainian library.

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T-3 of known reliability, advised that on October 14, 1942 [redacted] of the U.S.S.R. Consulate in New York City, was in contact with one STEPANKOVSKY and that they made arrangements to have lunch together. b6 b7C

In 1942, T-4, of known reliability, advised that the subject was at one time an agent of the German Government while serving in the Ukrainian Forces. According to T-4, the subject in 1942 was a Communist or fellow traveler and completely unreliable for any information with regard to Communism.

The subject advised SA T.R. OSBORNE in June, 1942 that he had requested [redacted] to organize the Ukrainian Committee to Combat Nazism. The subject stated that the set-up of this organization is fictitious and that their only purpose was to get sufficient funds to print a few pamphlets in order to awaken the Ukrainian people to the threat of Nazi domination. He said that the organization had no headquarters and meetings were held in a cafe where four or five of the members met to discuss problems and means with which to combat nazism.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York disclosed in the early part of 1953 that the subject was a broker located at 111-15 Jamaica Avenue, Queens, Long Island. Observation of 111-15 Jamaica Avenue on July 28, 1953 revealed that a real estate agency in the name of Orman and Michelson is operated at this address.

The 1952-1953 Queens County Telephone Directory lists [redacted] a lawyer, at 111-15 Jamaica Avenue, Queens, Long Island.

It is to be noted that [redacted] Bedford Surgical Company, 1326 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA JOHN WILSON, Jr., in 1952 that he was introduced to the subject approximately three years previously by an attorney named [redacted] who was then employed by Standard Oil Company. b6 b7C

On December 9, 1952 T-5, of known reliability, advised that the subject had been "mixed up" with [redacted] in a real estate business at one time and that [redacted] had also put up the money for the subject's son to go into the leather business. b6 b7C

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE WHERE LOCATED
T-1 [redacted]	Subscriber to "USSR Information Bulletin"	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	65-11679-1A800-P21
T-2 NYT 17*	7/21/45	7/21/45		
T-3 [redacted]	10/14/42	10/14/42		
T-4 [redacted]	Subject a German Agent in Ukrainian Forces	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	65-2933-10
T-5 [redacted]	Subject connected with [redacted] in real estate business	12/9/52	JOHN WILSON, Jr.	105-3244-14-P3
T-6 [redacted]	Subject not receiving mail at 111-15 Jamaica Ave.	8/10/53	Received by Mail	105-3244

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NEW YORK	11/9/53	10/19-22/53	ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information relative to mail received by the subject set out. Subject opened special checking account with Chase National Bank, New York City, on 3/18/52, with a deposit of $1849.10 obtained from a bank loan. Subject has negotiated three loans with Chase National Bank since 3/17/52, and the last loan for $3500 was made on 3/9/53. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] co-maker of the three notes has been previously identified as an associate of the subject who introduced him to the Bedford Surgical Company. Subject, in securing loans, indicated employment with the real estate and insurance firm of Orman and Michelson, as a broker with an annual income of $8000, in addition to $3000 income from translation of documents; however, reliable informants have furnished information contradicting this claim.

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DETAILS:

T-1, of known reliability, advised that the subject received the following mail on the dates indicated:

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[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

The information furnished by T-3 and T-4 is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena.

Concerning the above alleged employment of the subject, it is noted that T-5, a former representative of another government intelligence agency who is an associate of the subject, advised on June 3, 1953, that the subject was attempting to establish himself [redacted] b1 per OGA

[redacted]

T-6, a representative of another government agency, advised on December 9, 1952, that the subject had at one time been "mixed up" with [redacted] in a real estate business. b6 b7C

T-7, an official of another government agency, advised in April 1952, that the subject had no permanent employment.

[redacted] of the firm of Orman and Michelson, has previously been identified as the individual who introduced the subject to [redacted] of the Bedford Surgical Company, Brooklyn, New York.

According to T-8, of known reliability, [redacted] was elected president of the Democratic-American Lithuanian Council, which front organization came into being during the Democratic-Lithuanian conference of December 20, 1952. An executive committee was also formed at this conference and [redacted] b6 b7C

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File # Where Located
T-1 30-day mail cover on the subject's residence	Mail received by subject	8/27/53 9/9/53	ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE	Instant Report
T-2 [redacted]	Used to Document LADISLAUS BIBEROVICH			105-3244-29 b7D
T-3 [redacted]	Information concerning subject's special checking account at Chase National Bank	10/22/53	ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE	Instant Report
T-4 [redacted]	Loans made by subject through Chase National Bank	10/22/53	ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE	Instant Report b6 b7C b7D
T-5 [redacted]	Activities of subject	6/3/53	ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE	105-3244-37

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File # Where Located
T-6 [redacted]	Employment of subject	12/9/52	JOHN WILSON, JR.	105-3244-14 P.3
[redacted] INS, NYC	Employment of subject	April 1952	[redacted]	105-3244-8 P. 2
T-8 [redacted]	Used to document [redacted]			

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will await results of investigation being conducted abroad and coverage of leads outstanding to the Newark office prior to submitting a request to interview the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE, 8/20/53, New York. -24

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TO : Director, FBI (65-58981)

DATE: 12/31/53

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FROM : SAC, New York (105-3444)

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was
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Rerep of SA ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE, dated 11/9/53 at New York.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with security subjects.

1. The subject, a Caucasian, resides at 147-10 71st Rd., Kew Gardens, Long Island, N.Y. and is not known to have any permanent employment.

2. The subject's wife, MARGUERITE, is a Caucasian and is unemployed.

3. The subject is not known to be a member of any subversive organizations. The subject is alleged to have been at various times working for the Russians, Germans, and the British in some sort of intelligence capacity.

[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service [redacted]

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The subject was contacted by Bureau Agents in the early 1940's concerning Ukrainian activities but it was determined that the subject was unreliable, and prejudiced by a desire to incriminate pro-Nazis.

4. There is no information available concerning subversive affiliations on the part of the subject's wife.

5. No information available.

6. The present sympathies of the subject are not known. Reliable informants who know the subject have had no information concerning subversive activities on the part of the subject.

7. It is believed that the numerous and disparate allegations concerning the subject's beliefs, activities and associations can only be clarified by an interview with the subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-58981)

DATE: 2/9/54

FROM : SAC, New York (105-3244)

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.
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ReNYlet to the Bureau dated 2/9/54, captioned [redacted], Investigator, Immigration & Naturalization Service, Dept. of Justice, New York, NY, Security of Government Employees. b6 per OGA b7C

Referenced NY letter requested the New Orleans office to interview ELIZABETH BENTLEY and obtain a signed statement concerning her conversations with [redacted] wherein VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY was discussed.

It is recommended that during the interview of BENTLEY in connection with referenced letter that additional information be obtained concerning captioned subject and results of such interview be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination, captioned as this letter.

The subject was interviewed by the NYO on 1/29; 2/1,3,5,8/54 and denied participating in any intelligence or espionage activity on behalf of the Soviets. He appeared to be fully cooperative; however, he was unable to explain why he has been alleged a contact of MICHAEL TKACH or JACOB GOLOS in 1941 or early 1942.

The following information has been received concerning the subject's association with MICHAEL TKACH, JACOB GOLOS, or a contact of GOLOS:

1.) ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised the FBI in November, 1945, that in 1941 or early 1942 one STEPANKOWSKI was furnishing information on Ukrainian matters to MICHAEL TKACH, who in turn passed this information on to JACOB GOLOS, her espionage superior. b6 b7C

She said STEPANKOWSKI got some of his information from [redacted] b7D a Russian Orthodox priest of the Ukrainian Nationalist Church. BENTLEY learned from GOLOS that STEPANKOWSKI was put in touch with one of GOLOS' contacts as an investigator, but because of the limited pay he ceased his activities and became an investigator for the Anti-Defamation League. b6 per OGA b7C

2.) [redacted] Investigator, INS, NYC, advised the NYO on 1/16/52 that ELIZABETH BENTLEY told him two or three years ago that in 1941 or 1942 [redacted] editor of the "Ukrainian Daily News" brought the subject to [redacted] her superior, and [redacted] utilized him in obtaining articles written by [redacted] concerning Nazi activities. BENTLEY

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said the subject furnished these articles to [redacted] who passed them on to [redacted] said he confronted the subject with this information and he denied ever meeting [redacted] or furnishing information to [redacted] to be passed on to [redacted]

3.) [redacted] Inspector, INS, NYC, advised on 1/21/54 that ELIZABETH BENTLEY told him when she was interviewed by [redacted] of INS she identified the subject as a [redacted] According to [redacted] BENTLEY said [redacted] was astonished and flabbergasted on hearing this information & proceeded to question her at length concerning this matter. According to [redacted] BENTLEY also told him that the subject was a contact of [redacted] and had access to the offices of [redacted]

It is desired that the New Orleans interview with BENTLEY resolve the conflicting stories as detailed under points 1,2, and 3 above and in particular, the following questions asked:

1.) Whether BENTLEY ever met or observed STEPANKOWSKY in the presence of GOLOS or TKACH, or heard that STEPANKOWSKY contacted GOLOS directly at any time.

2.) If the subject was paid for information furnished to GOLOS, TKACH or any contact of GOLOS, by whom was the subject paid.

3.) In the opinion of BENTLEY, was the subject knowingly acting on behalf of GOLOS, TKACH or the espionage group, or was he unaware of his participation.

4.) Concerning the statement by BENTLEY to the FBI that STEPANKOWSKI was put in touch with one of GOLOS' contacts as an investigator, determine if BENTLEY has any reason to believe this contact to be ALBERT KAHN. It is noted that the subject admitted furnishing information to the Anti-Defamation League from about 1939 to 1942 or 1943. He met KAHN at the Anti-Defamation League and furnished KAHN information which KAHN used in his publication, "The Hour", and also for books he wrote. The subject was paid by KAHN for this information. BENTLEY has stated that KAHN supplied GOLOS personally and took her copies of "The Hour" and information from the files of the Anti-Defamation League.

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5a) Did BENTLEY tell [redacted] that the subject had access to the offices of [redacted] b6 per OGA b7C

During the period when the subject is alleged to have been furnishing information either directly or indirectly to JACOB GOLOS he has admitted working for the Anti-Defamation League, assisting [redacted] of the Immigration & Naturalization Service, and giving some information to ALBERT KAHN for publication in "The Hour". He has denied ever meeting GOLOS and was unable to recognize a photograph of GOLOS. He denied furnishing information to MICHAEL TKACH but did have conversations with TKACH and may have discussed [redacted] with him. The subject has denied furnishing information to any other individuals or being paid by other individuals during this period.

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FROM : SAC, New York (105-3244)

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Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of the report of SA ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE dated 2/17/54, NY, captioned as above.

Re NY letter to Bureau, 2/9/54.

Due to the nature of the following information, it was not deemed appropriate to include it in the attached report.

Re NY letter set out information obtained from [redacted] which he obtained from ELIZABETH BENTLEY in 1953. This information conflicts with BENTLEY'S statements to the FBI in 1945 and that obtained by [redacted] INS, around 1950 in that [redacted] says BENTLEY identified the subject [redacted] her superior, and that the subject had access to [redacted] office. It is possible that this information is exaggerated and should not be reported until clarified by BENTLEY.

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It is noted that [redacted] has alleged that [redacted] threatened ELIZABETH BENTLEY relative to the information she possessed on the subject, and [redacted] has also alleged that [redacted] has protected persons being investigated by INS, NYC and is attempting to take over the Investigative Division of the NY office of INS. As a result of these allegations, [redacted] is under investigation by this office as the subject of a Security of Government Employees case.

During the course of the interviews with the subject, he stated that he was advised by Colonel NEUMAN, formerly attached to G-2, US Army, whom the subject assisted with translations, that Colonel JOHNSON, also of G-2, told him that, according to the FBI, the subject was a double agent and recommended that his services be discontinued. Interviewing agents advised the subject that the FBI would not make such an allegation when it had not been established by our investigation and furthermore we would not make a recommendation to another government agency.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject interviewed 1/29;2/1,3,5,8/54. Subject professes to be anti-Communist and to have done anything prejudicial to the welfare of the US. Denied ever contacting JACOB GOLOS, known Soviet agent, or furnishing information to MICHAEL TKACH, contact of GOLOS, as alleged. Subject believes he contacted VASSILY SOUKHOMLINE, suspected Soviet agent, to obtain information for T-3, a representative of another government intelligence agency. Admits friendly association with individuals of "leftist" or Communistic leanings while assisting other government agencies by obtaining information on Ukrainian activities. Subject states he was friendly with some of these individuals in the Ukraine and Switzerland. Details concerning background and activities set out.

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DETAILS

Subject was interviewed by SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER, JR. and the writer on January 29, 1954, February 1,3,8, 1954, and by SA [redacted] and the writer on February 5, 1954, at which time he furnished the following information: b6 b7C

EARLY ACTIVITIES

Subject stated he was born January 13, 1885 at Chernokozintzi, Ukraine, and attended school in Ismail,

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the Bureau. Count TYSHKEVICH was a Ukrainian land owner who had provided the initial funds for the formation of the Bureau and thereafter he was an occasional contributor of material published by the Bureau. Subject added that Count TYSHKEVICH was not in touch with the Germans as alleged by ROMANOVSKY and subject denies that he was an informer of Russian intelligence in Switzerland.

RELEASE BY RUSSIANS IN 1917 AND THE LIAISON WITH THE BRITISH

Following his release by the Russians, the subject travelled to London, England, where he claims to have received a great deal of attention from various British officials who were anxious to question him. He was the first English speaking person to leave Russia following the revolution who could discuss in an articulate manner the Russian internal situation. One of the individuals with whom subject spoke was HOLDEN PORTER, who arranged to have the subject escorted through France to Switzerland where he was to carry out a mission on behalf of the British. Subject said it was necessary for special assistance by the British to get him through France because the French had denied him the privilege of travel through their territory presumably because they suspected him of activities in Switzerland on behalf of the central European powers. The British were interested in negotiating with the Ukrainians on certain proposals and the subject had agreed to assist them by entering the Ukraine to present these proposals. In this connection, subject claims to have spent approximately four months in the Ukraine attempting to negotiate with Ukrainian officials.

It was after this contact with the British that subject received funds from the British to be used for the operation of the Ukrainian Information Bureau.

(C) [redacted] b1 per OGA

The subject returned to Switzerland and continued to operate the Ukrainian Information Bureau until 1924 when the Bureau was closed and he entered the patent promotion

business travelling in Germany and Italy. He first entered the United States in 1927 in connection with patent work and, for a short period of time, was in Canada. He re-entered the United States in 1929 again relative to patent matters. In 1933, he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he was engaged by the Ukrainian Pavillion of the Chicago Worlds Fair. The subject travelled abroad for a period in 1939 to visit his family and in connection with business.

ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE

The subject was furnishing information to the Anti Defamation League from approximately 1937 to 1942. He stated that this information related to anti-Semitic groups and material appearing in the Ukrainian press. He met ALBERT KAHN, Editor of "The Hour", in the offices of the Anti Defamation League and for this reason considers "The Hour" to be a publication of this league but he later determined that some friction existed between KAHN and the league because KAHN, although anti-Nazi, was also considered to lean towards Communism. Subject furnished his information to MR. ARNOLD FORSTER of the Anti Defamation League and some of this information was passed on to "The Hour". Occasionally subject gave material directly to KAHN for publication in "The Hour" or books written by KAHN.

The Anti Defamation League and T-2, a representative of another government agency, later warned subject to "stay away from" [redacted] because of his Communist sympathies and, according to subject, he thereafter began disassociating himself from [redacted]

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SUBJECT'S ASSISTANCE TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The subject stated that, around 1938, he was introduced to T-2, previously mentioned, through the Anti Defamation League and that he later was acting as a translator for T-2. The subject was paid for translating material but he was not paid [redacted] concerning Ukrainian activities in the United States. The subject was assisting T-2 from approximately 1939 until 1942 or 1943.

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Through T-2, the subject met T-3 and later T-4, representatives of another government intelligence agency [redacted]

(C) [redacted]

Subject related that it was necessary for him to subscribe to many publications of a propaganda nature such as the "Ukrainian Pravda" as well as maintain contacts with individuals connected with Communist publications as the "Ukrainian Daily News" and "Russky Golos". As he recalls, he subscribed to the "USSR Information Bulletin" [redacted]

(C) [redacted]

SUBJECT'S ALLEGED CONNECTION WITH JACOB GOLOS, KNOWN SOVIET AGENT

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, self admitted former Soviet espionage agent, advised, in November, 1945, that, in 1941 or early 1942, one STEPANKOWSKI was furnishing information on Ukrainian matters to MICHAEL TKACH who in turn passed this information on to JACOB GOLOS, who was her superior in this espionage ring. She stated that STEPANKOWSKI got some of this information [redacted]

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[redacted]

BENTLEY stated she learned from GOLOS that STEPANKOWSKI was put in touch with one of GOLOS' contacts as an investigator but, because of the limited pay he received for his endeavors, he ceased his activities with this contact and eventually wound up as an investigator for the Anti Defamation League.

T-2, previously mentioned, advised that ELIZABETH BENTLEY told him around 1950 that, in 1941 or 1942 [redacted] Editor of the "Ukrainian Daily News", brought subject to [redacted] her superior, and [redacted] utilized him in obtaining articles written by [redacted] concerning Nazi activities. BENTLEY told T-2 that the subject furnished these articles to [redacted] who passed them on to [redacted]

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(C) [redacted]	T-1 in contact with subject 1917-23	August, 1953	SA JOHN A. CIMPERMAN	105-3244-48
T-2 [redacted] Inspector, INS, NYC	b6 per OGA b7C b7E			b1 per OGA
(C) T-3 [redacted]				
(C) T-4 [redacted]				
T-5 Highly confidential source as contained in Bulet to NY 8/28/50, [redacted]	Used to document [redacted]			b6 b7C b7D
T-6 [redacted]	Used to document MICHAEL RAKOCZY			105-3244-50 P. 3
T-7 [redacted]	Used to document "Narodna Volya"			105-3244-2 P. 8

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York.

Will consider advisability of recontacting established sources and representatives of INS and G-2, US Army in an effort to verify any questionable statements made by the subject when interviewed.

Will maintain contact with [redacted] NYC, for information concerning their investigation of the subject. It is noted that the subject comes under the Attorney General's Denaturalization and Deportation Program - Subversives.

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Will consider reinterviewing the subject if outstanding lead to New Orleans to interview ELIZABETH BENTLEY establishes that subject has not cooperated fully in explaining his relationship with MICHAEL TKACH or in denying any association with JACOB GOLOS or one of his contacts. The lead to interview BENTLEY was directed by letter to the Bureau and New Orleans dated 2/9/54.

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE, 11/9/53, NY.
New York letter to Bureau, 12/31/53.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject interviewed 4/7/54 and denied knowing JACOB GOLOS or furnishing information to MICHAEL TKACH. Subject admits having only general conversations with TKACH. [redacted] b1 per OGA

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DETAILS: Subject was interviewed by SA [redacted] and the writer on April 7, 1954 concerning the allegations made by ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY. b6 b7C

In the signed statement furnished by BENTLEY on February 23, 1954, she stated that around 1942, VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY was furnishing information to MICHAEL TKACH, Editor of the "Ukranian Daily News," which was passed on to JACOB GOLOS, BENTLEY'S espionage superior. She stated that weekly reports were received from STEPANKOWSKY concerning the

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activities of one [redacted] a Russian Orthodox Priest. According to BENTLEY, GOLOS, himself, contacted STEPANKOWSKY on one occasion and arranged to pay him a salary of about $25.00 a week for his services. b6 b7C

When interviewed, the subject denied that he ever met or heard of JACOB GOLOS. He reiterated his previous statement that the only income he received around this period of time came from the Anti-Defamation League and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York, for translations he did for them and also for information he furnished to ALBERT KAHN for publication in "The Hour" and his book, "Sabotage."

STEPANKOWSKY admitted contacting TKACH around 1942 but said it was never on a regular basis. He stated he does not recall discussing [redacted] when talking with TKACH and added that he did not report to TKACH on [redacted] or any other matter. He said, however, that in his conversations with TKACH, ideas of a general nature were discussed and he may have mentioned [redacted].

STEPANKOWSKY denied supplying any material to TKACH for publication in the "Ukranian Daily News" or writing articles for publication in that paper. He said that TKACH never sought information from him.

It is pointed out that the subject, when previously interviewed, was shown a photograph of JACOB GOLOS and he stated he definitely had no recollection of ever meeting GOLOS.

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During the interview with the subject on February 1, 1954, subject stated that he was advised by [redacted]

[redacted]

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(C) [redacted] retired, a representative of G-2, United States Army until May, 1953, was interviewed on April 2, 1954 concerning the above allegation made by the subject. b1 per OGA

(C) [redacted] stated that STEPANKOWSKY was in his, (C) [redacted] office in December, 1952, when Colonel KENDALL JOHNSON, also of G-2, phoned him concerning the subject. Colonel JOHNSON told [redacted] (C) that information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicated that the subject was unreliable and he mentioned to [redacted]

(C) [redacted]

(C) [redacted]

According to [redacted] STEPANKOWSKY was assisting him for approximately two years, [redacted] publications. From September, 1952 on STEPANKOWSKY'S work was on a temporary basis and continued at [redacted] discretion from week to week. [redacted]

(C) [redacted]

(C) It was [redacted] impression that the information he received telephonically from Colonel JOHNSON had been discussed at the weekly meeting of local representatives of ONI, G-2, and the FBI. He added that he had never seen any FBI reports concerning investigation of the subject.

(C) Colonel [redacted] stated that Colonel KENDALL JOHNSON is presently serving as the Military Attache in Madrid, Spain. b1 per OGA

A review of the file containing material on the weekly intelligence conferences for the period of December, 1952 failed to disclose any information concerning the subject.

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(C) [redacted], during the above interview, also stated that throughout the period of his association with the subject, he had no indication that the subject was sympathetic towards Communism and he added that he cannot visualize STEPANKOWSKY having such an attitude. b1 per OGA

The records of T-1, another Government Agency, were searched for information concerning the subject, but no record was located.

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T-1 G-2, United States Army, Governors Island, New York	Negative	4/9/54	SA RAYMOND J. KOPP	Instant Report

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Seven copies of this report have been designated for the Bureau in compliance with request contained in Bureau letter of March 18, 1954.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will maintain contact with Inspector [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning their investigation of the subject. b6 b7C

REFERENCE: Bureau letter, 3/18/54.
Report of SA WILLIAM J. HONEYCUTT, 3/10/54, New Orleans.
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Information from sworn statements furnished to INS, NYC, by GUENTHER REINHARDT and [redacted] set out, [redacted] stated he met subject at closed CP meetings, the last being in 1937 at CP National Headquarters, 50 E. 13th St., NYC. [redacted] also described subject as Party functionary who worked mainly in the Ukrainian field. Records of G-2, US Army, reviewed concerning reports submitted by subject from 1945 to 1953. Subject reported on Ukrainian activities in the US and based some reports on conversations with employees of the "Ukrainian Daily News." [redacted] b1 per OGA
[redacted] retired, formerly with G-2, US Army, claims that subject consistently reported on attempts of Soviets to control Ukrainian groups.

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DETAILS:

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[redacted] appeared before an Investigator of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, on February 1, 1954. The following is a partial transcript of the sworn statement made by [redacted] at that time:

"Q. Do you know or have you ever known a person by the name of VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY?

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"A. I have not and do not know this person from direct contact but over a period of years, I know him from official records [redacted]

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"Q. When did you first learn of VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY?
"A. Sometime between May, 1947, and November, 1947.

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"Q. Under what circumstances did you first learn of STEPANKOWSKY?
"A. At the time indicated above, I was Control Investigator and Case Officer for subversive activities for Region #4 (Southern Bavaria) of the United States Counter-Intelligence Corps in the European theatre stationed in Munich, Germany. In the course of my official duties, I had occasions to interview a number of former officers and agents of ABWEHR (German Military Intelligence -- Foreign Agents Department) in connection with the case of one [redacted] United States Intelligence authorities had found the German Secret Service files on this individual. He had been a Ukrainian posing as a violent anti-Communist. He was gradually given high office as an anti-Bolshevik Advisor to the Nazi authorities, but he was finally found out to have been a Soviet espionage plant and was then "liquidated" by the Germans. The German Secret Service files dealing with [redacted] contained references to STEPANKOWSKY. To the best of my recollection, the German agents interviewed by me in connection with this case did not refer to STEPANKOWSKY.

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"During the course of this investigation, I met on various occasions with representatives of the Swiss Secret Political Police who visited our Headquarters periodically in connection with undercover missions which they were then carrying out in occupied Germany with the knowledge and consent of the United States authorities. During years preceding the period in question, I had had private and unofficial contacts with [redacted], the head of the Swiss Secret Political Police. I also had had similar contacts, through an intermediary, with [redacted] who, under [redacted] headed the department dealing with foreign subversive personalities in Switzerland.

"On the basis of these previous contacts, my official and personal contacts in 1947 with the officials of the Swiss Secret Political Police were mutually informative and productive. The two Swiss officials in question were [redacted]. Having learned that STEPANKOWSKY had at one time resided in Switzerland and alleged to have been active there, I talked to [redacted] on two occasions between September and October, 1947, about STEPANKOWSKY.

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"To the best of my recollection, they gave me the following information:

"That STEPANKOWSKY had been, around 1916, a member of what they described as the original Bolshevik Propaganda Bureau in Switzerland;

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"That in this work, he had been a subordinate of [redacted] who, in subsequent years, became world famous as the head of the foreign propaganda and subversive departments of the Comintern and who, in recent years, has been in New York as the United Nations Delegate from the Ukraine;

"That STEPANKOWSKY was then (1947) in the United States;

"That the Swiss Secret Political Police had a 'huge' dossier on him and that he was 'a bad egg';

"That his continuous open and undercover activities on behalf of the Bolsheviks had proven very irksome to the Swiss authorities.

"Both officers of the Swiss Political Police gave me the impression, although they did not state so specifically, that the information which German Military Intelligence operatives obtained in Switzerland in 1940 about [redacted] and which lead to his unmasking as a Soviet agent and to his execution by the Germans, probably came from these Swiss files on STEPANKOWSKY, who was [redacted] brother-in-law.

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"My recollection is not completely clear, but I believe that I subsequently learned at an Intelligence conference that the then U.S. Military Attache in Berne, [redacted] obtained at least part of the Swiss Political Police information on [redacted] and/or STEPANKOWSKY from an informant he had in this Swiss official agency. However, it may be that I heard at that Intelligence conference that this information was obtained in Berne by [redacted] who was then the principal assistant (in charge of Swiss offices) to [redacted] of O.S.S.

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"Q. During this period, did you learn that copies of the dossier on STEPANKOWSKY and [redacted] were obtained by G-2?

"A. It was my understanding then (1947) that the German Secret Service dossier on [redacted] which contained the references to STEPANKOWSKY, was transmitted intact with the rest of these German files to the Security Group Intelligence Division in the Pentagon in Washington. During personal visits to this office in 1948 and 1949, I was told by officers on duty there, who had formerly been my colleagues in Germany, that the files referred to above were stored in the basement of the Pentagon in the same condition in which they had been shipped from Germany.

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"Q. Do you know whether the Swiss dossier on STEPANKOWSKY and [redacted] were ever forwarded to the United States?

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"A. I have no such knowledge. On the basis of my former official work, I doubt very much whether such a Swiss dossier would ever have been forwarded either to the F.B.I. or any other United States Government agency. However, as indicated above in the references to Colonel [redacted] at least partial and "unofficially obtained" files may have been transmitted to G-2 and/or O.S.S. or the latter's successor, the C.I.A.

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"Q. Upon returning to the United States in 1947, when did you next learn of the various activities of STEPANKOWSKY?

"A. After leaving Government Service on November 26, 1947, I resumed my activities as a newspaper and magazine writer on political topics. In the course of these activities, I became a regular contributor the the now defunct monthly, 'Plain Talk.' During the late Spring of 1949, the then Editor of 'Plain Talk', [redacted] approached me with a suggestion to write a piece on [redacted] about whom he had received a considerable amount of information from 'an expert whose identity he was not at liberty to disclose to me.' I informed [redacted] that I, myself, had a considerable amount of information on [redacted] and agreed to write the article on condition that [redacted] divulge to me the identity of 'his' informant as I wanted to establish whether there had been a leak from official intelligence files. [redacted] thereupon informed me that the author of the material on [redacted] which he had was [redacted] whom I knew to be a well-known figure and leader in anti-Communist Ukrainian liberation activities in the United States. The [redacted] material given me by [redacted] contained no reference whatsoever to STEPANKOWSKY. The additional data on STEPANKOWSKY I obtained from various sources from May, 1949, on.

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"Q. Did this information you obtained indicate that STEPANKOWSKY had, since his arrival in the United States, contacted Soviet agents?

"A. It did, sir, in the sense that some of the individuals named to me as alleged employers or regular contacts of STEPANKOWSKY were known to be regarded by specialists and government officials as working for or being suspected of working for the Soviet apparatus.

"Q. Do you recall any of these agents with whom STEPANKOWSKY was alleged to have been associated?

"A. One of them is an individual named [redacted] He was known to me during my official work as a professional investigator and informant who had worked at various times ostensibly for the undercover departments of the [redacted]

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[redacted]. Around September, 1943, I learned during my connection with Naval Intelligence that their classified records contained highly derogatory information regarding [redacted] integrity and loyalty.

"Q. Do you have any knowledge of any other associates of STEPANKOWSKY?

"A. Yes. In June, 1949, [redacted] who is the Chief of undercover investigations for the American Jewish Committee, stated to me that STEPANKOWSKY was at that time and had been for a number of years one of his [redacted]
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[redacted]. He informed me that STEPANKOWSKY operated in Ukrainian and other Russian emigre circles in this country to keep [redacted] advised on anti-Jewish agitation and personalities in these circles. [redacted] stated also that STEPANKOWSKY had been very useful to him as he had been able to supply European background data on many of these personalities. [redacted] was most emphatic in insisting that I, under no circumstances, expose or embarrass STEPANKOWSKY in any newspaper or magazine articles.

"Q. Did you ever learn that STEPANKOWSKY was in contact with [redacted]?

"A. Yes, I did receive such information. During the period of June 26 to 29, 1953, which I spent with [redacted] in New York City
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and Madison, Connecticut, she told me in detail about such connections of STEPANKOWSKY. As to [redacted] I am in a position to state that in the course of my official duties with the FBI, I was present, in November and December, 1942, and January, 1943, at certain closed meetings of the steering groups of known Communist-front organizations where [redacted] openly functioned as a Communist Party emissary.

"Q. Do you know of any other Ukrainian agents with whom STEPANKOWSKY had been associated - - such as [redacted] or [redacted]?

"A. No - I do not, sir. One of the sources consulted by me during the early summer of 1949 stated that STEPANKOWSKY had had "several clandestine meetings in New York with his old friend, [redacted]
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and that immediately after one of these meetings, STEPANKOWSKY who, up to then, had been 'notoriously in money difficulties' had a very expensive dental job done for which he paid several hundred dollars in cash."

"Q. Do you know whether STEPANKOWSKY made any trips abroad since his entry into the United States in 1926?

"A. I have no such knowledge but remember vaguely that one of my 1949 informants, whose identity I do not recall at the moment, mentioned

"that [redacted] then a Security Officer for the Department of State, assisted either STEPANKOWSKY or a member of his family in obtaining either a passport or a visa. This item of information is distinctly separate from the fact verified by me that [redacted] assisted the widow of [redacted] who is the sister of STEPANKOWSKY's wife, to enter the United States after World War II. To the best of my knowledge, she is still residing in the United States. I learned approximately one year ago from [redacted] the sister of [redacted] and who is now working for the European anti-Communist department of the A.F. of L., that STEPANKOWSKY's sister-in-law, the widow of [redacted] had been living with the widow of the famous Soviet spy, [redacted] whom [redacted] had also brought to the United States around 1950 or 1951. At the time I received this information, another reliable source informed me that the [redacted] and [redacted] widows were in constant contact with [redacted] the first wife of [redacted] who headed the Soviet espionage apparatus in the United States from 1928 to about 1941 but who since then has become a United States Government informant. [redacted]

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"Q. Did you ever learn whether STEPANKOWSKY was employed by any Government agency in the United States?

"A. Within the last twelve months, I am not sure of the exact date, I learned from one of the investigators for the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, that one of his New York informants had advised him that STEPANKOWSKY was employed as a paid informant at the New York office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. I distinctly remember the investigator telling me that he had not checked this information with the Service. At that time, I telephoned one of the inspectors who during those days had contacted me on a case - - I believe it was [redacted], and relayed this information from the investigator from the Senate Sub-Committee. I added that on the basis of what I knew of STEPANKOWSKY, the Service might find itself embarrassed in the event the above information were true. I requested the inspector whom I gave this information to bring it to the attention of the appropriate officials at the New York office.

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"Q. How long was it mentioned that STEPANKOWSKY had been connected with the Immigration and Naturalization Service?

"A. As I remember, the conversation with the investigator for the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, he mentioned, 'for several years now'.

"Because of previous occasions, similar items of information had proved erroneous in that the party mentioned had been an informant for what is now known as the Bureau of Special Services and Investi-

"gation, New York City Police Department. I checked with one of the superior officers of this unit, [redacted] who called me back and advised me, confidentially, that STEPANKOWSKY had never been used by them as an informant, paid or otherwise, but that at one time one of the detectives of the squad had had contact with STEPANKOWSKY and taken information from him. Upon checking STEPANKOWSKY, [redacted] said they had found him to have 'a bad record'."

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[redacted] gave a sworn statement before an Investigator of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, on March 29, 1954. [redacted] was identified as an individual who had on other occasions testified in deportation and other proceedings for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. There follows [redacted] answers to questions pertaining to the subject:

"Q. Have you ever known a person by the name of VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY or STEPANKIWSKY?
"A. Yes, I met him in 1933 about April, before May 1st.

"Q. I present a photograph and ask you if the person depicted therein is the one and same person that you knew as VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY?
"A. Yes, I recognize him from the picture.

"Q. Under what circumstances did you first meet STEPANKOWSKY?
"A. I met him at what they called the Labor Lyceum on East 4th Street. I think that hall belonged to the Hungarian Communists and Communist sympathizers. We met for other purposes. We met for preparation of May 1st, all the functionaries of the Communist Party.

"Q. Was this a closed Communist Party meeting?
"A. Yes.

"Q. When was the last time that you met STEPANKOWSKY at a closed Communist Party meeting?
"A. I met him several times but the last time I met him was in 1937 in about mid-summer. It was in the National Headquarters of the Communist Party, 50 East 13th Street.

"Q. Did you meet with STEPANKOWSKY at other closed Party meetings between these two meetings?
"A. Yes, I did. I met him at St. Marks Place. That is where the Polish Communist Club used to be and I met him at 10th Street. There was another Polish Communist Club they called the Educational Club, and

"the last time I met him at the Polish Workers' office on the 9th floor at a functionary meeting.

"Q. Do you know whether STEPANKOWSKY ever held an official position within the Party?
"A. Yes, he was a functionary. I don't know exactly the name of the position.

"Q. Was this work mostly within the Ukrainian field?
"A. Yes, especially with the Ukrainians, but he worked also with other nationalities - Russian and Polish.

"Q. Was he by any chance a member of the Language Bureau of the Party?
"A. Yes, he was.

"Q. Do you know whether STEPANKOWSKY at any time had contact with [redacted] known as [redacted]?
"A. Yes, he did.

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"Q. Did you ever attend any meeting where [redacted] and STEPANKOWSKY were present?
"A. Yes, I attended what they called the Disciplinary Committee. They held that meeting at the 'Daily Worker'.

"Q. Did you at any time hear that STEPANKOWSKY was a member of the espionage apparatus of the Party or the secret service?
"A. That I don't know."

The records of G-2, United States Army, 30 West 44th Street, New York City, were reviewed on May 18, 1954, to determine the nature of the reports submitted by the subject during the time he assisted G-2 from 1945 to 1953. This review disclosed the subject submitted reports on a regular basis as information was obtained on various organizations, publications and personalities in the Ukrainian field. The subject based many of his reports on discussions with employees of the "Ukrainian Daily News", including MICHAEL TKACH and MICHAEL RAKOCZY. Frequently these reports were an attempt to give a verbatim recounting of statements made by MICHAEL TKACH in the presence of the subject at the offices of the "Ukrainian Daily News."

The "Ukrainian Daily News", 85 East 4th Street, New York City, was cited as Communist by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on American-Slav Congress and Associated Organizations, House Report number 1951, on April 26, 1950.

In 1945 the subject reported, "the Ukrainian progressives have become as unprincipled as the whole American Communist Party of which they form a part" and he also discussed the attempts of the Ukrainian "progressives" to take over in the "Ukrainian Colony in the U.S.A."

In one report the subject described the scheming of the so-called "progressives" to capture the Ukrainian Working Men's Association of Scranton, Pennsylvania, which in 1945 was under the influence of the Ukrainian Nationalists.

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(C) [redacted] Retired, a former representative of G-2, (C) United States Army, was interviewed on May 20, 1954, concerning the subject's services on behalf of G-2. (C) [redacted] stated that the subject was considered a source of information and the subject submitted reports through him during 1945 and 1946. [redacted] stated the subject's reports were always rated by his headquarters as very good and excellent and that since he was never advised to discontinue submitting the information obtained from the subject, he considered the subject's reports to be of some value. Colonel PRINCE said he did not evaluate the material furnished by the subject but that this information was cross-checked with other sources by G-2 Headquarters.

(C) [redacted] added that the subject's reports consistently showed the Soviet tie-in with Ukrainian organizations and the attempts of the Soviets to control these groups.

He reiterated his previous statements to the effect that he had no reason to ever believe that the subject was in sympathy with the Soviets.

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Re report of SA WALTER W. HAUSER dated 3/4/54 at New York.

[redacted] Personnel Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York, New York, was contacted at his INS office on 6/10/54 after [redacted] had advised that he wished to confer with SA [redacted] with regard to the above captioned INS employee. [redacted] advised that he had been designated to conduct certain investigation concerning the [redacted] case as set out in a letter from the Security Officer of the Department of Justice. LOEFFLER briefly exhibited this letter marked Personal and Confidential which primarily contains a summary of the adverse information about [redacted] which was set out in the signed statements obtained from INS personnel during the FBI investigation. The letter [redacted] exhibited also pointed out discrepancies between the information reportedly furnished to [redacted] by [redacted] on 2/23/54, and the information contained in the signed statement obtained from ELIZABETH BENTLEY in this matter. (New Orleans report of [redacted] dated 3/6/54.)

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Pages 13a and 13b of referenced report reflects information to the effect that [redacted] advised that on 2/23/54, during the course of a conversation with [redacted] told him that while interviewing BENTLEY at her home concerning [redacted] BENTLEY denied knowing VLADIMIR or WALTER STEPANKOWSKY or ever having heard the name STEPANKOWSKY, but reportedly told [redacted] that she had heard the name "STEP", but never saw or met this person.

[redacted] advised that he had obtained a sworn statement in question and answer form from [redacted] to the effect that BENTLEY had originally named STEPANKOWSKY as a Soviet agent while he, [redacted], was interviewing BENTLEY in 1949. [redacted] informed [redacted] that this information was immediately furnished to [redacted] supervisor, a Mr.

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[redacted] who is presently employed by the Atomic Energy Commission. [redacted] stated that [redacted] definitely denied that BENTLEY originally informed him that STEPANKOWSKY was a Soviet agent while he interviewed her in 1950 concerning [redacted]. b6 per OGA b7C

Pages 13b and 13c of the referenced report reflect information to the effect that on 9/19/50 [redacted], in the presence of stenographer [redacted] obtained a sworn statement from BENTLEY concerning [redacted] in which BENTLEY named STEPANKOWSKY as a Soviet agent obtained by [redacted].

[redacted] also advised that prior to interviewing stenographer [redacted] her original shorthand notes of the 9/19/50 interview of BENTLEY were obtained from Ellis Island and examined by [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] observed that after the part where BENTLEY answered "Main one stands out is STEPHANKOWSKY" in answer to [redacted] question whether BENTLEY had any recollection of any Soviet agents which were obtained among the Ukrainians in the United States, there appeared a question and answer which were circled and which [redacted] recalled as follows: b6 per OGA b7C

"Q. But you never met STEPANKOWSKY?

A. No, I never met S_____."

[redacted] advised that [redacted] explained that the circled question and answer were not included in the typewritten sworn statement because the circle around these sentences indicated to her that they were not pertinent and were not to be typed. b6 per OGA b7C

[redacted] further advised that neither [redacted] nor [redacted] could recall the circumstances or reason as to why these statements were circled or who had ordered them to be circled.

The Bureau's attention is called to Page 13c of the referenced New York report which set out the interview with [redacted] in which she advised that no "off the record" remarks would be reflected in her shorthand notes of the interview.

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After [redacted] had furnished the above information concerning his phase of the investigation of [redacted], he asked [redacted] for any information he could furnish which might possibly help [redacted] resolve the issue. b6 per OGA b7C

[redacted] advised [redacted] that all dissemination of information in this type of case was handled by the Bureau in Washington, DC, and that he was not at freedom to discuss the FBI investigation of [redacted].

The above information is being furnished for the information of the Bureau. Due to the confidential manner in which the above information was furnished by [redacted], it is not deemed advisable by the NYO to furnish any of the above information in report form or to conduct any further investigation in regard to the information furnished by [redacted]. It is also pointed out that [redacted] attitude toward the Bureau has always been that of complete cooperation.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-58981) DATE: July 15, 1954

FROM : SAC, Detroit (105-818)

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY, was.
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Rerep SA ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE, May 28, 1954, at New York.

With reference to the Detroit lead to interview [redacted], Consultant to INS, repeated efforts to interview this individual have met with negative results. [redacted] was out of the city for several weeks in connection with INS business, and upon his return he, along with a number of other informants, was removed from the INS payroll. As a result, when efforts were made to secure an appointment he declined pleading illness.

Local INS officials have advised that arrangements are being made to again place [redacted] on their payroll, at which time it is expected that he will again display a cooperative attitude. Accordingly, the lead set out in referenced report will be covered as expeditiously as possible.

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cc: New York (105-3244)

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CHANGED VLADIMIR JACOB STEPANKOWSKY, was: "Step"	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

INS sworn statements of [redacted] and [redacted] concerning subject set out. [redacted] claims to have met subject at CP meetings in 1933 and 1937 and to have twice seen the subject in the office of [redacted] former Soviet Agent. Subject re-interviewed 7/1/54 and denied ever belonging to any Communist organization, attending CP meetings, visiting the office of [redacted] or knowing [redacted] as alleged by [redacted]. Subject assisted T-1, of known reliability, from December, 1946 through February, 1947 by obtaining information on Slavic organizations and individuals active in Slavic groups. Subject, in a personal history summary, dated 10/15/46, indicates he was critical of Russian regime and in the 1930's was unsuccessfully approached by an unknown Soviet Agent who attempted to enlist his services.

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is being marked "changed" to include the subject's true full name, VLADIMIR JACOB STEPANKOWSKY, as contained in Immigration and Naturalization Service records, New York City and the alias, "STEP", by which name the subject was known to T-1, of known reliability.

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[redacted] furnished a sworn statement to a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City on January 27, 1954. The question and answers in this statement directly relating to the subject are as follows:

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Q. Did you know STEPANKOWSKY during the time he resided abroad?
A. I met STEPANKOWSKY the first time in London in 1913.

Q. Did he have the reputation of being an agent of Poland at that time?
A. No, at that time he had a reputation of being a Ukrainian journalist.

Q. How long a period did you know him in London?
A. I met him just once.

Q. Did you again meet with STEPANKOWSKY in the European area?
A. No.

Q. When was the next time you met STEPANKOWSKY?
A. In 1927, 28 or 29, when he came to the United States.

Q. Had you heard during that period of time that he was alleged to be an agent for Germany, Poland, France and other countries?
A. No, when he came to America he told me he was a representative of various Italian inventors. He said he came to promote some Italian inventions. He was not very successful and left and came again to the United States, at which time I again saw him.

Q. Do you know what country he went to after departing the United States?
A. No.

Q. Have you at any time heard that he was an agent of a foreign power at any time?
A. I heard in a conversation recently. [redacted], [redacted] told me that he (STEPANKOWSKY) had gotten money for his services to the German Government during World War I. I heard that he also received money from the [redacted]. That Government was set up by the Germans. He received that money for propaganda purposes and with that money, he went to Switzerland and operated a Bureau of Information.

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Q. That was the Ukrainian Information Bureau in Switzerland?
A. Yes.

Q. What was the purpose of that Bureau?
A. I don't know

Q. Was it pro-Soviet?
A. I don't think so.

Q. At the time you met STEPANKOWSKY in England, did he have a large library?
A. I did not see his library. I just met him in the subway. I heard that he was connected with the British and Russian press and I wanted to meet him. I wrote him and he came and met me and we talked for about one hour. I never saw him again in England.

Q. Have you known STEPANKOWSKY since he has been in the United States?
A. Yes, we met very often.

Q. Did you ever hear that he was employed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service?
A. No. I know that if an officer of the Immigration Service wanted information about Ukrainians, he would come to him or to me for that information.

Q. Did you ever hear that STEPANKOWSKY falsely identified anti-Communist White Russians as pro-Communist agents?
A. No.

Q. How long has it been since you were contacted by an officer of the Immigration and Naturalization Service?
A. Some time ago, Mr. [redacted] came to me and asked about Mr. [redacted] He asked if I had proof that he was a Communist. I did not help him in that case because I did not have proof that would be good in court; that was two or three years ago.

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Q. Did he at that time state that STEPANKOWSKY had given him your name?
A. I have known [redacted] for many years.

Q. Do you know of any instance that STEPANKOWSKY has furthered the cause of a foreign government here in the United States?
A. I would say Mr. STEPANKOWSKY, in conversations, falls in my line. When I am against something, he is against it. When I am for something, he is for it.

Q. Do you think that is due to a changing personality on his part or through conviction on his part?
A. I don't know his Communist feelings.

Q. Did STEPANKOWSKY ever state to you that he was employed by G-2?
A. No, the only employment that he spoke about was his employment with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Q. Do you know from what source or sources, including employment of any sort, that STEPANKOWSKY derived his income?
A. One was the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and another was the Ukrainian committee at the World's Fair in Chicago.

Q. Was that the American committee?
A. The Ukrainian committee at the World's Fair in Chicago.

Q. Do you know if STEPANKOWSKY ever made any trips abroad?
A. I know of three trips. The last one was just before World War II.

Q. Do you know whether he was a representative of any company or organization at that time?
A. No, I was very curious to know.

Q. You have no knowledge of his source of money for those trips?
A. No.

Q. What sort of areputation does he enjoy in the Ukrainian field?
A. The Ukrainians do not have a good opinion of him because he never joined any Ukrainian organiztions.

Q. Is it thought by various Ukrainians that STEPANKOWSKY is at the present time furnishing information to various organizations?
A. He has a poor reputation among the Ukrainians, but I never came across anything like that because he does not mingle with them -- he keeps aloof.

Q. Do you recall STEPANKOWSKY being arrested for mismanagement of funds at the time he was producing an operetta?
A. I remember he was arrested and was released and there was no court action. I don't remember what it was.

Q. Do you recall whether or not at that time lawyers of the Ukrainian Section of the Communist Party came to his aid?
A. I don't know; I never heard of it.

Q. Have you ever heard it rumored that STEPANKOWSKY was in contact with Red Golos?
A. No.

Q. Do you recall anything else of interest concerning STEPANKOWSKY?
A. He said that during his trip to Europe just prior to World War II, he visited the German Foreign Office in Berlin and met on the front steps of the Foreign Office [redacted] and he remarked to him, "Oh, so now on the front steps of the Foreign Office in Berlin is the meeting place of Ukrainian politicians".

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Q. What is your personal opinion of the mental capacity of STEPANKOWSKY?
A. I consider him a very talented individual, especially in the linguistic field, but I think he is intellectually undisciplined due to undeserved good luck he got in his life without having to work hard for it. He was even the first representative of a Russian newspaper in London.

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On May 27, 1954 [redacted] Consultant for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, and former Communist Party member, gave a sworn statement to the Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning his knowledge of the subject. The statement in part reads as follows:

Q. Are you the one and same [redacted] who has formerly testified for this Service in deportation and other proceedings? b6 per OGA b7C

A. Yes.

Q. Does this Service have full background of your Party membership?

A. Yes.

Q. I now show you the top portion of a photograph and ask you if the person depicted thereon is the one and same person whom you knew as VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY?

A. (Examining Photo) Yes, it is.

Q. When did you first meet STEPANKOWSKY?

A. To the best of my recollection, it was in the year of 1933.

Q. Under what circumstances did you make the acquaintance of STEPANKOWSKY?

A. I met him in the office of [redacted] that was located in the building of the National Headquarters of the Communist Party, USA, at 50 East 13th Street, New York City. [redacted] office was on the 2nd floor. It was the office for the Business Manager of the "Nova Mir" and also served as a place where Communist books and periodicals, published in the Russian language, were housed. b6 per OGA b7C

Q. Are you referring to [redacted] who has been identified as the head of a former espionage apparatus of the Party?

A. Yes.

Q. What was your connection with [redacted]?

A. We both were members of the Communist Party and also personal firends and any time that I was downtown and had time to spend, I would always stop at his office and talk about the Party and the Soviet Union and he was one I could learn a lot from about Communists and that is why I would always be at his office when I had an opportunity.

Q. Did you attend various fraction Party meetings at the Office of [redacted]?
A. Only a few and they were on special occasions.

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Q. When you met STEPANKOWSKY at the offices of [redacted], was this a fraction meeting of the Party?
A. Yes. This was combined fraction meeting of the Russians-Ukrainians that was to deal with the "Nova Mir" and the Ukrainian paper that I believe was called "The Ukrainian Daily News".

I was there on assignments from the National Bureau of the Young Communist League to discuss the question of the language press making a direct appeal to the youth of the Ukrainian and Russian organizations. This appeal was for membership in the YCL. At this meeting, I was introduced to Stepankowsky by [redacted] himself. Also at this meeting were [redacted], whom I already knew; [redacted] whom I already knew and others whose names at the present time I can't recall.

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Q. Was it the policy of the Party at that time to have the Ukrainians and Russians represented under one head?
A. On some special occasions it would be the policy where some questions of a joint nature would arise.

Q. When was the last time that you knew Stepankowsky as a Communist Party member?
A. In the year 1937, approximately in the month of July.

Q. Do you recall the circumstances under which you met Stepankowsky at that time.
A. I was in [redacted] office and Stepankowsky was present there and I was talking with him about the Party and about the Soviet Union and he was asking me about my activities in the Communist Party in the Philadelphia District and I was asking him about his Communist Party activities and asked him how well were the "Nova Mir" and "The Ukrainian Daily News" and other Russian language papers being circulated among the Russians and Ukrainians that were not members of the Communist Party.

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Q. Did you meet on other occasions with Stepankowsky as fellow Party members during the years 1933-1937?

A. In 1933, I saw Stepankowsky present at the Extraordinary Party Conferenceheld in the Finnish Hall at 15 West 126th Street, New York City. This conference was attended only by Communist Party members. This conference was held in July, 1933. Also in the month of October, 1933, I saw Stepankowsky at a plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. This plenum was held October 14-15, 1933 and [redacted] CI representative, was also present at this plenum. This was a closed Communist Party meeting and only Communist Party members who could be vouched for could attend. In 1936, I saw Stepankowsky in the office of [redacted] was the Secretary of the Communist Party's national fraction of the Russian section of the IWO and his office was located in the IWO building at 80 5th Avenue. b6 per OGA b7C

Q. Did you have other meetings with Stepankowsky between 1933 and 1936?

A. No, I was at no closed Communist Party meetings with him that I can recall during those years.

Q. Did you on any occasion meet with Stepankowsky during the years 1933-1936 at the offices of [redacted] or at Communist Party Headquarters? b6 per OGA b7C

A. No. During those years I was assigned outside of New York and worked mainly in Baltimore and Washington and upon my return to New York at various meetings, I don't recall attending the same meetings with him or seeing him at the offices of Golos or others.

Q. Do you know what Stepankowsky's main activities were on behalf of the Communist Movement?

A. No, no more than his general activities in the Ukrainian and Russian field as I was not one who was assigned to work with him.

Q. I again present this photograph and ask you if you can definitely state without doubt that this is the one and same person whom you knew as Vladimir Stepankowsky and whom you met at the offices of [redacted]? b6 per OGA b7C

A. (Examining photo) Yes, that's the same one.

Q. Would you be willing to appear and reiterate this information at any proceeding that may be instituted by the United States Government?

A. Yes.

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[redacted] furnished a sworn statement to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City on May 28, 1954. A partial transcript of the statement is quoted as follows:

Q. What is your full and correct name?
A. [redacted]

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Q. Have you ever been known by any other name?
A. I have been known by numerous other names, however, I will not state them at this time.

Q. Have you ever appeared as a witness in any proceeding for the Immigration Service?
A. Never.

Q. Will you please relate for the record your qualifications to testify on the International Communist Conspiracy?
A. In 1902, I became affiliated with the Revolutionary Socialist Party in the Ukraine. I was a young boy at that time. In 1906, I took part in the Russian Revolution after the Japanese War. In 1907, I was Chief of the [illegible] Underground in Padolia State as the socialist revolutionary terrorist. In 1909, I was arrested and they sent me to prison and later I escaped and went underground. In 1917, after the Revolution [redacted] regime), I was pardoned and then went into the Russian Army in Petrograd, in the Armored Division. I stayed in Petrograd on Kauualhardskaja Street, one block from the Czar Dumar (Consul).

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I was a witness on May 27 on the 1st battle of the Communists against the [redacted] regime. At that time I met Trotsky. Also, on June 9 or 10, I was a witness on the 2nd revolutionary battle against the [redacted] regime.

In 1917 to 1920, I was in the Ukrainian fight against Communism. Later on, I went to the United States. In the United States, I became associated with various anti-Communist movements.

Q. From 1930 to date, with what organizations have you been affiliated in the United States?
A. I have been associated with many Ukrainian organizations in the United States in the anti-Communist field. The organizations to which I have belonged have always been anti-Communist and have consistently combatted the International Movement of Communism to the Ukrainian field.

Q. To what date did you remain active in this field?
A. I am still active in this field.

Q. During your career as a militant anti-Communist, had you ever become acquainted with a person named VLADIMIR STEPANKOWSKY?
A. Yes.

Q. I now present a photograph and ask you if the person depicted thereon is the one and same person whom you knew as Vladimir Stepankowsky?
A. (Examining photo) He is theone and same person I knew as Vladimir Stepankowsky.

Q. Under what circumstances did you first make the acquaintance of Stepankowsky?
A. At a Ukrainian rally in New York in 1928.

Q. What was the political platform of this rally?
A. Anti-Communist.

Q. Was he introduced to you at that time as a member of any organization?
A. No.

Q. Did he have any part in the formation or activities of this organization at that time?
A. No.

Q. Have you ever met with him attending meetings of any pro-Communist organizations?
A. Yes.

Q. Did he have any part in any of the activities?
A. Yes, he was a member and officer of that organization.

Q. During this meeting, did you have any conversation with Stepankowsky?
A. Yes.

Q. Did he expound the general platform or principles of the pro-Communist organization at that time?
A. What he said was the theory that now that the Ukraine was part of Soviet Russia, the Ukrainian people should cooperate with Russia instead of fighting with Russia.

Q. Did you have other meetings with Stepankowsky subsequent to that date?
A. Yes, in 1939.

Q. During these meetings, did he at any time attempt to obtain your membership in any of these various pro-Communist organizations?
A. No. Stepankowsky intimated to me that if I became a power or leader in certain Ukrainian organizations, I could help to swing their support to Soviet Russia. The point was that the Ukrainian organizations in the United States, by opposing Soviet Russia, were making it harder for the people in the Soviet Ukraine and if with my help we could get the Ukrainian people in the United States to be for Soviet Russia instead of against Soviet Russia, we could have helped the people of the Soviet Ukraine. This I can show by documentary evidence. He further told me that if I did become a leader, a friend of his could become a very valuable assistant to me. It was inferred to me that Stepankowsky would also assist me in this matter.

Q. Do you know whether or not Stepankowsky was ever connected with a GPU agent at any time?
A. This person whom I met and who later I learned was an OGPU agent said to me that he intended to join with Stepankowsky in working for an international organization and that they would be "fixed for life". I asked him, "Was it the Communist Party"? He said, "No, but it is a link party which is pro-Soviet".

Q. Do you know of any organizations in which Stepankowsky has been associated other than those organizations that have been listed hertofore?
A. With "The Hour", which I have since learned was a part of the project of the [redacted] Sovet espionage ring to smear anti-Communists.

Q. Do you know through which organization "The Hour" received its information?
A. I also learned from a friend of Stepankowsky, whom I will disclose at the time of any future hearing, that information was piped from the detective agency of the Anti-Defamation League to "The Hour". In fact on one occasion, "The Hour" was the defendant in a libel suit brought against that organization by an anti-Communist which resulted in the Court ordering "The Hour" to retract their statements and make a public apology thereof. It was on the same occasion that Walter Winchell was ordered to pay a $2,000 fine to [redacted]. I know most of the details of this case.

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Q. Do you know whether Stepankowsky was ever a member of the anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith?
A. An acquaintance in whom I have reason to believe knew what he was talking about and whose identify I will divulge at any hearing, told me that Stepankowsky was an employee of the Anti-Defamation League.

Q. Would you be willing to appear and testify at any future proceeding that the Government may institute against the subject?
A. Yes.

Q. Will you at that time have further testimony to add to your statement of today?
A. Yes.

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TO : Director, FBI (65-58981) DATE: 7/12/55

FROM : SAC, New York (105-3244)

SUBJECT: VLADIMIR JACOB STEPANKOWSKY, was
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Attached hereto are six copies of the report of SA ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE dated 7/12/55 NY.

It is believed that sufficient investigation has been done to develop the subject's background and activities as well as provide a basis for evaluating his present degree of dangerousness from a security standpoint. Since all outstanding leads in this case have been covered and there is no indication of recent subversive activities or affiliations on the part of the subject, it is believed no additional investigation is warranted at this time.

(C) [redacted] b1 per OGA

Since 1953 STEPANKOWSKY has been attempting to become established in the business field, particularly in real estate sales and promotion.

This case is being placed in a closed status subject to being reopened in the event information is received indicating current subversive activities.

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FROM : Mr. H. W. Schweppe

DATE: 9-20-55

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Stepankowsky was born 1-13-85 in the Ukraine. He received his elementary education at Bessarabia and attended the University of Kiev from 1903 to 1907. During these latter years he was a member of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Ukrainian Party, which was composed of groups desiring Ukrainian independence. In 1906 he was arrested for political activities with the above party and was smuggled out of Russia in 1907. In 1907 and 1908 he resided in Geneva, Switzerland, and was a correspondent for a newspaper in Kiev. In 1908 he went to London and in 1914 returned to Switzerland with the intention of devoting himself to the Ukrainian nationalist movement. He formed the Ukrainian Information Bureau in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1915 and operated that bureau until 1924. He was in contact with the British Foreign Intelligence Service from 1917 to 1923. He entered the US in 1927 in connection with a patent promotion venture and also spent a short time in Canada in this connection. He re-entered the US in 1929. In 1933 he was in charge of the Ukrainian Pavilion at the Chicago Worlds Fair. He was arrested in August, 1937, for overstay of his visa and was given until March, 1938, to depart voluntarily. He went to Canada, secured a visa and was legally admitted to the US in March, 1938, at Detroit. He was naturalized on 11-15-43. Stepankowsky resided in New York at the Rex Hotel from 1938 to 1952. He resides in Kew Gardens, Queens, New York. Recently Stepankowsky was associated with a real estate firm in Brooklyn. He has also done translation work for various newspapers in New York City. He intends to enter the real estate business for himself shortly.

In February, 1946, and September, 1949, an informant of unknown reliability advised that Stepankowsky was at different times both a Soviet and German agent. Elizabeth Bentley advised in November, 1945, that in 1941 or early 1942 one Stepankowsky was furnishing information on Ukrainian matters to Michael Tkach, editor of the "Ukrainian Daily News." Tkach in turn passed this information to Jacob Golos, Bentley's Soviet superior. A representative of another Government agency advised that Stepankowsky associated with Tkach.

This investigation was initiated in August, 1951, when an informant of unknown reliability advised that the subject was very possibly working for Soviet intelligence. This informant advised the subject frequently defended Russia and the Communistic system in Russia.

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Investigation and interviews reflected in 1924 Stepankowsky allegedly was expelled from Switzerland for being a German agent. It was noted he was described as an assocate of Leon Trotsky and as a German spy during World War I. He was also described as a mercenary information peddler who sold his alleged intelligence information to any bidder. It was reported that Stepankowsky's information was prejudiced because of his desire to incriminate pro-Nazis and further the interests of the Ukrainian movement. Investigation established further that the sister of Stepankowsky's wife married one Alexander Sevriuk, who allegedly was expelled from France for pro-Soviet activities and later became Hitler's advisor on Ukrainian matters. In 1940 and 1941 Stepankowsky was described as an informer of Albert Kahn, editor of the Communist newsletter "The Hour." Bentley advised that Kahn was a Communist.

[redacted] *Stepankowsky was also reported to have been an acquaintance of Vassili Soukhomline, an alleged NKVD agent. In 1942 and 1945 Stepankowsky was in contact with the Soviet Consulate in New York City. He was a subscriber to the USSR "Information Bulletin" in 1948. An informant of unknown reliability described Stepankowsky as a dangerous opportunist who apparently was distrusted by all Ukrainian groups because he had served so many divergent and incompatible interests at various times.* b7D

In a sworn statement given to INS in 1954 [redacted] *stated he met the subject at closed CP meetings as late as 1947 at CP national headquarters in New York City.* [redacted] *described the subject as a Party functionary who worked mainly in the Ukrainian field.* [redacted] *, in a sworn statement in May, 1954, advised that he had met the subject at CP meetings in 1933 and 1937 and that he had seen the subject twice in the office of* [redacted] b6 per OGA b7C [redacted] *New York City, advised in 1952 that he had been acquainted with the subject since 1940 or 1941 and that he had received valuable information from him concerning Ukrainian groups in the United States who were friendly with the Nazis.* [redacted] *indicated Stepankowsky never voiced any particular sumpathies for Communism as it existed in Russia* [redacted] *advised that the subject had assisted in translating foreign language publications in the early 1950's.*

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Stepankowsky was not known to various informants of the New York office as a CP member or as a member of any pro-Communist organization. Investigation failed to establish any evidence of recent espionage or subversive activities on the part of the subject. (C) (C) [redacted] INS and [redacted] b1 per OGA

Stepankowsky was interviewed on several occasions in 1954 and again on June 22, 1955. He professed to be anti-Communistic and (C) to have done nothing prejudicial to the welfare of the United States. He denied contacting Jacob Golos or furnishing information to Michael (C) Tkach as alleged by Elizabeth Bentley. [redacted] INS and [redacted] He stated that he was also acquainted with Albert Kahn of "The Hour." The subject admitted approach by a person believed by him to be a Soviet agent in April, 1933, for the purpose of persuading the subject to penetrate Ukrainian nationalist groups. Stepankowsky advised that he declined to do so and that he could not identify the contact. Stepankowsky stated further that he was not now and had never been a Communist.

In view of the lack of recent subversive activities or affiliations on the part of the subject, he is not included in the Security Index. Pertinent reports have been disseminated to RAB, State, CIA and INS. (C-2) A memorandum 9-9-55 from the Internal Security Division of the Department advised that a review of available reports reflected no indication that the subject was ever in possession of or had access to information respecting the national defense which was classified or otherwise under a prohibition against publication. Consequently the activities described by Bentley did not involve the violation of the espionage statute on the part of the subject. This memorandum further stated that there was no indication that any additional tangible information would be obtained from the subject before a grand jury and, therefore, there was no basis to anticipate that any useful purpose would be served by summoning him before a grand jury at this time, a measure suggested in Bureau memo to the Department dated 7-22-55. The Department advised further that there was insufficient information to warrant the conclusion that the subject comes within purview of Section 20(a) of the Internal Security Act of 1950. Stepankowsky has been given previous consideration, however, under the Attorney General's Denaturalization and Deportation Program.

A review of Bureau references on Stepankowsky as well as the main file on him failed to establish any pertinent information requiring (C) further investigation at this time. [redacted] b1 per OGA [redacted] and INS [redacted] No information has been developed indicating that his contacts or activities were for